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## BOBBY WHITE CONFIRMED AS THE ACTING CONTROLLER

WINDOW ROCK – Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez congratulated Bobby White for his confirmation by the Budget and Finance committee as acting Controller for the Navajo Nation on Jan.31, 2017.

"We would like to thank the Budget and Finance Committee for confirming Bobby White as the Acting Controller. This appointment will aid us in maintaining the financial integrity of the Navajo Nation as we actively find a full-time, permanent Controller," said President Begaye.

"We need to tap into the institutional knowledge of Bobby White. Mr. White's vast understanding and background on the tribal financial system is greatly needed, especially regarding how our money is managed. It will an opportunity for government officials and finance staff alike to learn from his wealth of financial knowledge," Vice President Nez said.

"Thank you for allowing me to return. There will be a lot of challenges but I am willing to take on those challenges as I serve in this position temporarily," said White.

White was instrumental in establishing the Permanent Fund, the \$554 million Historical Trust Fund Mismanagement Litigation which set up the Síhasín Fund, the Appropriations Act and the Bond Financing Act.

President Begaye and Vice President Nez thank Delegate Seth Damon for sponsoring the legislation to confirm Bobby White as the Acting Controller. The Office of the President and Vice President is currently vetting and interviewing certified public accountants for the permanent Controller position.

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